

DESCRIPTIONRIBOZYME TREATMENT OF DISEASES OR CONDITIONS  
RELATED TO LEVELS OF NF- $\kappa$ BRelated Applications

5        This application is a continuation-in-part of Stinchcomb et al., "Method  
and Composition for Treatment of Restenosis and Cancer Using  
Ribozymes," filed May 18, 1994, U.S.S.N. 08/245,466 which is a  
continuation-in-part of Draper, "Method and Reagent for Treatment of a  
Stenotic Condition", filed December 7, 1992, U.S. Serial No. 07/987,132,  
10    both hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Field of the Invention

15        The present invention relates to therapeutic compositions and  
methods for the treatment or diagnosis of diseases or conditions related to  
NF- $\kappa$ B levels, such as restenosis, rheumatoid arthritis, asthma,  
inflammatory or autoimmune disorders and transplant rejection.

Background Of The Invention

20        The following is a brief description of the physiological role of NF- $\kappa$ B.  
The discussion is not meant to be complete and is provided only for  
understanding of the invention that follows. This summary is not an  
admission that any of the work described below is prior art to the claimed  
invention.

25        The nuclear DNA-binding activity, NF- $\kappa$ B, was first identified as a  
factor that binds and activates the immunoglobulin  $\kappa$  light chain enhancer  
in B cells. NF- $\kappa$ B now is known to activate transcription of a variety of other  
cellular genes (*e.g.*, cytokines, adhesion proteins, oncogenes and viral  
proteins) in response to a variety of stimuli (*e.g.*, phorbol esters, mitogens,  
cytokines and oxidative stress). In addition, molecular and biochemical  
characterization of NF- $\kappa$ B has shown that the activity is due to a  
homodimer or heterodimer of a family of DNA binding subunits. Each  
30    subunit bears a stretch of 300 amino acids that is homologous to the  
oncogene, *v-rel*. The activity first described as NF- $\kappa$ B is a heterodimer of

p49 or p50 with p65. The p49 and p50 subunits of NF- $\kappa$ B (encoded by the nf- $\kappa$ B2 or nf- $\kappa$ B1 genes, respectively) are generated from the precursors NF- $\kappa$ B1 (p105) or NF- $\kappa$ B2 (p100). The p65 subunit of NF- $\kappa$ B (now termed Rel A) is encoded by the *rel A* locus.

- 5        The roles of each specific transcription-activating complex now are being elucidated in cells (N.D. Perkins, et al., 1992 Proc. Natl Acad. Sci USA 89, 1529-1533). For instance, the heterodimer of NF- $\kappa$ B1 and Rel A (p50/p65) activates transcription of the promoter for the adhesion molecule, VCAM-1, while NF- $\kappa$ B2/RelA heterodimers (p49/p65) actually inhibit  
10 transcription (H.B. Shu, et al., *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 13, 6283-6289 (1993)). Conversely, heterodimers of NF- $\kappa$ B2/RelA (p49/p65) act with Tat-I to activate transcription of the HIV genome, while NF- $\kappa$ B1/RelA (p50/p65) heterodimers have little effect (J. Liu, N.D. Perkins, R.M. Schmid, G.J. Nabel, *J. Virol.* 1992 66, 3883-3887). Similarly, blocking *rel A* gene  
15 expression with antisense oligonucleotides specifically blocks embryonic stem cell adhesion; blocking NF- $\kappa$ B1 gene expression with antisense oligonucleotides had no effect on cellular adhesion (Narayanan et al., 1993 Mol. Cell. Biol. 13, 3802-3810). Thus, the promiscuous role initially assigned to NF- $\kappa$ B in transcriptional activation (M.J. Lenardo, D. Baltimore,  
20 1989 Cell 58, 227-229) represents the sum of the activities of the *rel* family of DNA-binding proteins. This conclusion is supported by recent transgenic "knock-out" mice of individual members of the *rel* family. Such "knock-outs" show few developmental defects, suggesting that essential transcriptional activation functions can be performed by more than one  
25 member of the *rel* family.

A number of specific inhibitors of NF- $\kappa$ B function in cells exist, including treatment with phosphorothioate antisense oligonucleotide, treatment with double-stranded NF- $\kappa$ B binding sites, and over expression of the natural inhibitor MAD-3 (an I $\kappa$ B family member). These agents have  
30 been used to show that NF- $\kappa$ B is required for induction of a number of molecules involved in inflammation, as described below.

•NF- $\kappa$ B is required for phorbol ester-mediated induction of IL-6 (I. Kitajima, et al., *Science* 258, 1792-5 (1992)) and IL-8 (Kunsch and Rosen, 1993 Mol. Cell. Biol. 13, 6137-46).

•NF- $\kappa$ B is required for induction of the adhesion molecules ICAM-1 (Eck, et al., 1993 Mol. Cell. Biol. 13, 6530-6536), VCAM-1 (Shu et al., *supra*), and E-selectin (Read, et al., 1994 J. Exp. Med. 179, 503-512) on endothelial cells.

- 5        •NF- $\kappa$ B is involved in the induction of the integrin subunit, CD18, and other adhesive properties of leukocytes (Eck et al., 1993 *supra*).

The above studies suggest that NF- $\kappa$ B is integrally involved in the induction of cytokines and adhesion molecules by inflammatory mediators. Two recent papers point to another connection between NF- $\kappa$ B and  
10 inflammation: glucocorticoids may exert their anti-inflammatory effects by inhibiting NF- $\kappa$ B. The glucocorticoid receptor and p65 both act at NF- $\kappa$ B binding sites in the ICAM-1 promoter (van de Stolpe, et al., 1994 J. Biol. Chem. 269, 6185-6192). Glucocorticoid receptor inhibits NF- $\kappa$ B-mediated induction of IL-6 (Ray and Prefontaine, 1994 Proc. Natl Acad. Sci USA 91,  
15 752-756). Conversely, overexpression of p65 inhibits glucocorticoid induction of the mouse mammary tumor virus promoter. Finally, protein cross-linking and co-immunoprecipitation experiments demonstrated direct physical interaction between p65 and the glucocorticoid receptor (*Id.*).

#### Summary of the Invention

- 20        This invention relates to ribozymes, or enzymatic RNA molecules, directed to cleave mRNA species encoding Rel A protein (p65). In particular, applicant describes the selection and function of ribozymes capable of cleaving this RNA and their use to reduce activity of NF- $\kappa$ B in various tissues to treat the diseases discussed herein. Such ribozymes are  
25 also useful for diagnostic applications.

Ribozymes that cleave *rel A* mRNA represent a novel therapeutic approach to inflammatory or autoimmune disorders. Antisense DNA molecules have been described that block NF- $\kappa$ B activity. See Narayanan *et al.*, *supra*. However, ribozymes may show greater perdurance or lower  
30 effective doses than antisense molecules due to their catalytic properties and their inherent secondary and tertiary structures. Such ribozymes, with their catalytic activity and increased site specificity (as described below), represent more potent and safe therapeutic molecules than antisense oligonucleotides.

Applicant indicates that these ribozymes are able to inhibit the activity of NF- $\kappa$ B and that the catalytic activity of the ribozymes is required for their inhibitory effect. Those of ordinary skill in the art, will find that it is clear from the examples described that other ribozymes that cleave *rel A* encoding mRNAs may be readily designed and are within the invention.

Six basic varieties of naturally-occurring enzymatic RNAs are known presently. Each can catalyze the hydrolysis of RNA phosphodiester bonds in *trans* (and thus can cleave other RNA molecules) under physiological conditions. Table I summarizes some of the characteristics of these ribozymes. In general, enzymatic nucleic acids act by first binding to a target RNA. Such binding occurs through the target binding portion of an enzymatic nucleic acid which is held in close proximity to an enzymatic portion of the molecule that acts to cleave the target RNA. Thus, the enzymatic nucleic acid first recognizes and then binds a target RNA through complementary base-pairing, and once bound to the correct site, acts enzymatically to cut the target RNA. Strategic cleavage of such a target RNA will destroy its ability to direct synthesis of an encoded protein. After an enzymatic nucleic acid has bound and cleaved its RNA target, it is released from that RNA to search for another target and can repeatedly bind and cleave new targets.

The enzymatic nature of a ribozyme is advantageous over other technologies, such as antisense technology (where a nucleic acid molecule simply binds to a nucleic acid target to block its translation) since the concentration of ribozyme necessary to affect a therapeutic treatment is lower than that of an antisense oligonucleotide. This advantage reflects the ability of the ribozyme to act enzymatically. Thus, a single ribozyme molecule is able to cleave many molecules of target RNA. In addition, the ribozyme is a highly specific inhibitor, with the specificity of inhibition depending not only on the base pairing mechanism of binding to the target RNA, but also on the mechanism of target RNA cleavage. Single mismatches, or base-substitutions, near the site of cleavage can completely eliminate catalytic activity of a ribozyme. Similar mismatches in antisense molecules do not prevent their action (Woolf, T. M., et al., 1992, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, **89**, 7305-7309). Thus, the specificity of action of a ribozyme is greater than that of an antisense oligonucleotide binding the same RNA site.

In preferred embodiments of this invention, the enzymatic nucleic acid molecule is formed in a hammerhead or hairpin motif, but may also be formed in the motif of a hepatitis delta virus, group I intron or RNaseP RNA (in association with an RNA guide sequence) or *Neurospora* VS RNA.

5 Examples of such hammerhead motifs are described by Rossi *et al.*, 1992, *Aids Research and Human Retroviruses*, 8, 183, of hairpin motifs by Hampel *et al.*, "RNA Catalyst for Cleaving Specific RNA Sequences," filed September 20, 1989, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/247,100 filed September 20, 1988, Hampel and Tritz, 1989,

10 *Biochemistry*, 28, 4929, and Hampel *et al.*, 1990, *Nucleic Acids Research*, 18,299, and an example of the hepatitis delta virus motif is described by Perrotta and Been, 1992, *Biochemistry*, 31, 16, of the RNaseP motif by Guerrier-Takada *et al.*, 1983, *Cell*, 35, 849, *Neurospora* VS RNA ribozyme motif is described by Collins (Saville and Collins, 1990 *Cell* 61, 685-696;

15 Saville and Collins, 1991 *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 88, 8826-8830; Collins and Olive, 1993 *Biochemistry* 32, 2795-2799) and of the Group I intron by Cech *et al.*, U.S. Patent 4,987,071. These specific motifs are not limiting in the invention and those skilled in the art will recognize that all that is important in an enzymatic nucleic acid molecule of this invention is

20 that it has a specific substrate binding site which is complementary to one or more of the target gene RNA regions, and that it have nucleotide sequences within or surrounding that substrate binding site which impart an RNA cleaving activity to the molecule.

The invention provides a method for producing a class of enzymatic

25 cleaving agents which exhibit a high degree of specificity for the RNA of a desired target. The enzymatic nucleic acid molecule is preferably targeted to a highly conserved sequence region of a target Rel A encoding mRNA such that specific treatment of a disease or condition can be provided with either one or several enzymatic nucleic acids. Such enzymatic nucleic

30 acid molecules can be delivered exogenously to specific cells as required. Alternatively, the ribozymes can be expressed from DNA vectors that are delivered to specific cells.

Synthesis of nucleic acids greater than 100 nucleotides in length is difficult using automated methods, and the therapeutic cost of such

35 molecules is prohibitive. In this invention, small enzymatic nucleic acid motifs (*e.g.*, of the hammerhead or the hairpin structure) are used for

exogenous delivery. The simple structure of these molecules increases the ability of the enzymatic nucleic acid to invade targeted regions of the mRNA structure. However, these catalytic RNA molecules can also be expressed within cells from eukaryotic promoters (e.g., Scanlon, K. J., et al., 1991, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, **88**, 10591-5; Kashani-Sabet, M., et al., 1992, *Antisense Res. Dev.*, **2**, 3-15; Dropulic, B., et al., 1992, *J Virol*, **66**, 1432-41; Weerasinghe, M., et al., 1991, *J Virol*, **65**, 5531-4; Ojwang, J. O., et al., 1992, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, **89**, 10802-6; Chen, C. J., et al., 1992, *Nucleic Acids Res.*, **20**, 4581-9; Sarver, H., et al., 1990, *Science*, **247**, 1222-1225)). Those skilled in the art realize that any ribozyme can be expressed in eukaryotic cells from the appropriate DNA vector. The activity of such ribozymes can be augmented by their release from the primary transcript by a second ribozyme (Draper et al., PCT WO93/23569, and Sullivan et al., PCT WO94/02595, both hereby incorporated in their totality by reference herein; Ohkawa, J., et al., 1992, *Nucleic Acids Symp. Ser.*, **27**, 15-6; Taira, K., et al., 1991, *Nucleic Acids Res.*, **19**, 5125-30; Ventura, M., et al., 1993, *Nucleic Acids Res.*, **21**, 3249-55) .

Inflammatory mediators such as lipopolysaccharide (LPS), interleukin-1 (IL-1) or tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ ) act on cells by inducing transcription of a number of secondary mediators, including other cytokines and adhesion molecules. In many cases, this gene activation is known to be mediated by the transcriptional regulator, NF- $\kappa$ B. One subunit of NF- $\kappa$ B, the *relA* gene product (termed RelA or p65) is implicated specifically in the induction of inflammatory responses. Ribozyme therapy, due to its exquisite specificity, is particularly well-suited to target intracellular factors that contribute to disease pathology. Thus, ribozymes that cleave mRNA encoded by *rel A* may represent novel therapeutics for the treatment of inflammatory and autoimmune disorders.

Thus, in a first aspect, the invention features ribozymes that inhibit RelA production. These chemically or enzymatically synthesized RNA molecules contain substrate binding domains that bind to accessible regions of their target mRNAs. The RNA molecules also contain domains that catalyze the cleavage of RNA. The RNA molecules are preferably ribozymes of the hammerhead or hairpin motif. Upon binding, the ribozymes cleave the target RelA encoding mRNAs, preventing translation

and p65 protein accumulation. In the absence of the expression of the target gene, a therapeutic effect may be observed.

By "inhibit" is meant that the activity or level of RelA encoding mRNA is reduced below that observed in the absence of the ribozyme, and preferably is below that level observed in the presence of an inactive RNA molecule able to bind to the same site on the mRNA, but unable to cleave that RNA.

Such ribozymes are useful for the prevention of the diseases and conditions discussed above, and any other diseases or conditions that are related to the level of NF- $\kappa$ B activity in a cell or tissue. By "related" is meant that the inhibition of *relA* mRNA and thus reduction in the level of NF- $\kappa$ B activity will relieve to some extent the symptoms of the disease or condition.

Ribozymes are added directly, or can be complexed with cationic lipids, packaged within liposomes, or otherwise delivered to target cells. The RNA or RNA complexes can be locally administered to relevant tissues ex vivo, or in vivo through injection or the use of a catheter, infusion pump or stent, with or without their incorporation in biopolymers. In preferred embodiments, the ribozymes have binding arms which are complementary to the sequences in Tables II, III, VI - VII. Examples of such ribozymes are shown in Tables IV - VII. Examples of such ribozymes consist essentially of sequences defined in these Tables. By "consists essentially of" is meant that the active ribozyme contains an enzymatic center equivalent to those in the examples, and binding arms able to bind mRNA such that cleavage at the target site occurs. Other sequences may be present which do not interfere with such cleavage.

In another aspect of the invention, ribozymes that cleave target molecules and inhibit NF- $\kappa$ B activity are expressed from transcription units inserted into DNA, RNA, or viral vectors. Preferably, the recombinant vectors capable of expressing the ribozymes are locally delivered as described above, and transiently persist in target cells. Once expressed, the ribozymes cleave the target mRNA. The recombinant vectors are preferably DNA plasmids or adenovirus vectors. However, other mammalian cell vectors that direct the expression of RNA may be used for this purpose.

Other features and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description of the preferred embodiments thereof, and from the claims.

### Description Of The Preferred Embodiments

5       The drawings will first briefly be described.

#### Drawings:

Figure 1 is a diagrammatic representation of the hammerhead ribozyme domain known in the art.

10       Figure 2a is a diagrammatic representation of the hammerhead ribozyme domain known in the art; Figure 2b is a diagrammatic representation of the hammerhead ribozyme as divided by Uhlenbeck (1987, *Nature*, **327**, 596-600) into a substrate and enzyme portion; Figure 2c is a similar diagram showing the hammerhead divided by Haseloff and Gerlach (1988, *Nature*, **334**, 585-591) into two portions; and Figure 2d is a  
15       similar diagram showing the hammerhead divided by Jeffries and Symons (1989, *Nucl. Acids. Res.*, **17**, 1371-1371) into two portions.

Figure 3 is a representation of the general structure of the hairpin ribozyme domain known in the art.

20       Figure 4 is a representation of the general structure of the hepatitis delta virus ribozyme domain known in the art.

Figure 5 is a representation of the general structure of the VS RNA ribozyme domain known in the art.

25       Figure 6 is a schematic representation of an RNaseH accessibility assay. Specifically, the left side of Figure 6 is a diagram of complementary DNA oligonucleotides bound to accessible sites on the target RNA. Complementary DNA oligonucleotides are represented by broad lines labeled A, B, and C. Target RNA is represented by the thin, twisted line. The right side of Figure 6 is a schematic of a gel separation of uncut target RNA from a cleaved target RNA. Detection of target RNA is by  
30       autoradiography of body-labeled, T7 transcript. The bands common to



each lane represent uncleaved target RNA; the bands unique to each lane represent the cleaved products.

### Ribozymes

5 Ribozymes of this invention block to some extent NF- $\kappa$ B expression and can be used to treat disease or diagnose such disease. Ribozymes will be delivered to cells in culture and to cells or tissues in animal models of restenosis, transplant rejection and rheumatoid arthritis. Ribozyme cleavage of *relA* mRNA in these systems may prevent inflammatory cell function and alleviate disease symptoms.

### 10 Target sites

Targets for useful ribozymes can be determined as disclosed in Draper et al supra, Sullivan et al., supra, as well as by Draper et al., "Method and reagent for treatment of arthritic conditions U.S.S.N. 08/152,487, filed 11/12/93, and hereby incorporated by reference herein in  
15 totality. Rather than repeat the guidance provided in those documents here, below are provided specific examples of such methods, not limiting to those in the art. Ribozymes to such targets are designed as described in those applications and synthesized to be tested *in vitro* and *in vivo*, as also described. Such ribozymes can also be optimized and delivered as  
20 described therein. While specific examples to mouse and human RNA are provided, those in the art will recognize that the equivalent human RNA targets described can be used as described below. Thus, the same target may be used, but binding arms suitable for targeting human RNA sequences are present in the ribozyme. Such targets may also be selected  
25 as described below.

The sequence of human and mouse *relA* mRNA can be screened for accessible sites using a computer folding algorithm. Potential hammerhead or hairpin ribozyme cleavage sites were identified. These sites are shown in Tables II, III, and VI - VII. (All sequences are 5' to 3' in  
30 the tables.) While mouse and human sequences can be screened and ribozymes thereafter designed, the human targetted sequences are of most utility. However, as discussed in Stinchcomb et al. supra, mouse targetted ribozymes are useful to test efficacy of action of the ribozyme prior to testing in humans. The nucleotide base position is noted in the Tables as that site  
35 to be cleaved by the designated type of ribozyme. (In Table II, lower case

letters indicate positions that are not conserved between the Human and the Mouse *rel A* sequences.)

Hammerhead ribozymes are designed that could bind and are individually analyzed by computer folding (Jaeger, J. A., et al., 1989, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, **86**, 7706-7710) to assess whether the ribozyme sequences fold into the appropriate secondary structure. Those ribozymes with unfavorable intramolecular interactions between the binding arms and the catalytic core are eliminated from consideration. Varying binding arm lengths can be chosen to optimize activity. Generally, at least 5 bases on each arm are able to bind to, or otherwise interact with, the target RNA.

Referring to Figure 6, mRNA is screened for accessible cleavage sites by the method described generally in Draper et al., WO/US93/04020 hereby incorporated by reference herein. Briefly, DNA oligonucleotides representing potential hammerhead ribozyme cleavage sites are synthesized. A polymerase chain reaction is used to generate a substrate for T7 RNA polymerase transcription from human or murine *rel A* cDNA clones. Labeled RNA transcripts are synthesized *in vitro* from the two templates. The oligonucleotides and the labeled transcripts are annealed, RNaseH is added and the mixtures are incubated for the designated times at 37°C. Reactions are stopped and RNA separated on sequencing polyacrylamide gels. The percentage of the substrate cleaved is determined by autoradiographic quantitation using a phosphor imaging system. From these data, hammerhead ribozyme sites are chosen as the most accessible.

Ribozymes of the hammerhead motif are designed to anneal to various sites in the mRNA message. The binding arms are complementary to the target site sequences described above. The ribozymes are chemically synthesized. The method of synthesis used follows the procedure for normal RNA synthesis as described in Usman, N.; Ogilvie, K.K.; Jiang, M.-Y.; Cedergren, R.J. 1987, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **109**, 7845-7854 and in Scaringe, S.A.; Franklyn, C.; Usman, N., 1990, *Nucleic Acids Res.*, **18**, 5433-5441 and makes use of common nucleic acid protecting and coupling groups, such as dimethoxytrityl at the 5'-end, and phosphoramidites at the 3'-end. The average stepwise coupling yields were >98%. Inactive ribozymes were synthesized by substituting a U for G5 and a U for A14 (numbering from (Hertel, K. J., et al., 1992, *Nucleic*

*Acids Res.*, 20, 3252)). Hairpin ribozymes are synthesized in two parts and annealed to reconstruct the active ribozyme (Chowrira, B. M. and Burke, J. M., 1992, *Nucleic Acids Res.*, 20, 2835-2840). All ribozymes are modified to enhance stability by modification of five ribonucleotides at both the 5' and 3' ends with 2'-O-methyl groups. Ribozymes are purified by gel electrophoresis using general methods or are purified by high pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC; See Usman *et al.*, Synthesis, deprotection, analysis and purification of RNA and ribozymes, filed May, 18, 1994, U.S.S.N. 08/245,736 the totality of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.) and are resuspended in water.

The sequences of the chemically synthesized ribozymes useful in this study are shown in Tables IV - VII. Those in the art will recognize that these sequences are representative only of many more such sequences where the enzymatic portion of the ribozyme (all but the binding arms) is altered to affect activity and may be formed of ribonucleotides or other nucleotides or non-nucleotides. Such ribozymes are equivalent to the ribozymes described specifically in the Tables.

#### Optimizing Ribozyme Activity

Ribozyme activity can be optimized as described by Stinchcomb *et al.*, *supra*. The details will not be repeated here, but include altering the length of the ribozyme binding arms (stems I and III, see Figure 2c), or chemically synthesizing ribozymes with modifications that prevent their degradation by serum ribonucleases (see *e.g.*, Eckstein *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 92/07065; Perrault *et al.*, *Nature* 1990, 344:565; Pieken *et al.*, *Science* 1991, 253:314; Usman and Cedergren, *Trends in Biochem. Sci.* 1992, 17:334; Usman *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 93/15187; and Rossi *et al.*, International Publication No. WO 91/03162, as well as Usman, N. *et al.* *US Patent Application* 07/829,729, and Sproat, B. *European Patent Application* 92110298.4 which describe various chemical modifications that can be made to the sugar moieties of enzymatic RNA molecules. All these publications are hereby incorporated by reference herein.), modifications which enhance their efficacy in cells, and removal of stem II bases to shorten RNA synthesis times and reduce chemical requirements.

Sullivan, *et al.*, supra, describes the general methods for delivery of enzymatic RNA molecules. Ribozymes may be administered to cells by a variety of methods known to those familiar to the art, including, but not restricted to, encapsulation in liposomes, by iontophoresis, or by  
5 incorporation into other vehicles, such as hydrogels, cyclodextrins, biodegradable nanocapsules, and bioadhesive microspheres. For some indications, ribozymes may be directly delivered *ex vivo* to cells or tissues with or without the aforementioned vehicles. Alternatively, the RNA/vehicle combination is locally delivered by direct injection or by use of a catheter,  
10 infusion pump or stent. Other routes of delivery include, but are not limited to, intravascular, intramuscular, subcutaneous or joint injection, aerosol inhalation, oral (tablet or pill form), topical, systemic, ocular, intraperitoneal and/or intrathecal delivery. More detailed descriptions of ribozyme delivery and administration are provided in Sullivan, *et al.*, supra and Draper, *et al.*,  
15 supra which have been incorporated by reference herein.

Another means of accumulating high concentrations of a ribozyme(s) within cells is to incorporate the ribozyme-encoding sequences into a DNA expression vector. Transcription of the ribozyme sequences are driven from a promoter for eukaryotic RNA polymerase I (pol I), RNA polymerase II  
20 (pol II), or RNA polymerase III (pol III). Transcripts from pol II or pol III promoters will be expressed at high levels in all cells; the levels of a given pol II promoter in a given cell type will depend on the nature of the gene regulatory sequences (enhancers, silencers, etc.) present nearby. Prokaryotic RNA polymerase promoters are also used, providing that the  
25 prokaryotic RNA polymerase enzyme is expressed in the appropriate cells (Elroy-Stein, O. and Moss, B., 1990, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U S A, **87**, 6743-7; Gao, X. and Huang, L., 1993, Nucleic Acids Res., **21**, 2867-72; Lieber, A., *et al.*, 1993, Methods Enzymol., **217**, 47-66; Zhou, Y., *et al.*, 1990, Mol. Cell. Biol., **10**, 4529-37). Several investigators have demonstrated that  
30 ribozymes expressed from such promoters can function in mammalian cells (e.g. (Kashani-Sabet, M., *et al.*, 1992, Antisense Res. Dev., **2**, 3-15; Ojwang, J. O., *et al.*, 1992, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U S A, **89**, 10802-6; Chen, C. J., *et al.*, 1992, Nucleic Acids Res., **20**, 4581-9; Yu, M., *et al.*, 1993, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U S A, **90**, 6340-4; L'Huillier, P. J., *et al.*, 1992, Embo J., **11**, 4411-8; Lisiewicz, J., *et al.*, 1993, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A., **90**, 8000-4)). The above ribozyme transcription units can be  
35 incorporated into a variety of vectors for introduction into mammalian cells,

including but not restricted to, plasmid DNA vectors, viral DNA vectors (such as adenovirus or adeno-associated vectors), or viral RNA vectors (such as retroviral vectors).

In a preferred embodiment of the invention, a transcription unit  
5 expressing a ribozyme that cleaves *relA* RNA is inserted into a plasmid DNA vector or an adenovirus DNA viral vector. Both vectors have been used to transfer genes to the intact vasculature or to joints of live animals (Willard, J. E., et al., 1992, *Circulation*, **86**, 1-473.; Nabel, E. G., et al., 1990, *Science*, **249**, 1285-1288.) and both vectors lead to transient gene  
10 expression. The adenovirus vector is delivered as recombinant adenoviral particles. DNA may be delivered alone or complexed with vehicles (as described for RNA above). The DNA, DNA/vehicle complexes, or the recombinant adenovirus particles are locally administered to the site of treatment, e.g., through the use of an injection catheter, stent or infusion  
15 pump or are directly added to cells or tissues *ex vivo*.

#### Example 1: NF- $\kappa$ B Hammerhead ribozymes

By engineering ribozyme motifs we have designed several ribozymes directed against *relA* mRNA sequences. These ribozymes are synthesized with modifications that improve their nuclease resistance. The ability of  
20 ribozymes to cleave *relA* target sequences *in vitro* is evaluated.

The ribozymes will be tested for function *in vivo* by analyzing cytokine-induced VCAM-1, ICAM-1, IL-6 and IL-8 expression levels. Ribozymes will be delivered to cells by incorporation into liposomes, by complexing with cationic lipids, by microinjection, or by expression from DNA vectors.  
25 Cytokine-induced VCAM-1, ICAM-1, IL-6 and IL-8 expression will be monitored by ELISA, by indirect immunofluorescence, and/or by FACS analysis. *RelA* mRNA levels will be assessed by Northern analysis, RNase protection or primer extension analysis or quantitative RT-PCR. Activity of NF- $\kappa$ B will be monitored by gel-retardation assays. Ribozymes  
30 that block the induction of NF- $\kappa$ B activity and/or *relA* mRNA by more than 50% will be identified.

RNA ribozymes and/or genes encoding them will be locally delivered to transplant tissue *ex vivo* in animal models. Expression of the ribozyme will be monitored by its ability to block *ex vivo* induction of VCAM-1, ICAM-  
35 1, IL-6 and IL-8 mRNA and protein. The effect of the anti-*relA* ribozymes

on graft rejection will then be assessed. Similarly, ribozymes will be introduced into joints of mice with collagen-induced arthritis or rabbits with *Streptococcal* cell wall-induced arthritis. Liposome delivery, cationic lipid delivery, or adeno-associated virus vector delivery can be used. One dose (or a few infrequent doses) of a stable anti-*relA* ribozyme or a gene construct that constitutively expresses the ribozyme may abrogate inflammatory and immune responses in these diseases.

### Uses

A therapeutic agent that inhibits cytokine gene expression, inhibits adhesion molecule expression, and mimics the anti-inflammatory effects of glucocorticoids (without inducing steroid-responsive genes) is ideal for the treatment of inflammatory and autoimmune disorders. Disease targets for such a drug are numerous. Target indications and the delivery options each entails are summarized below. In all cases, because of the potential immunosuppressive properties of a ribozyme that cleaves *rel A* mRNA, uses are limited to local delivery, acute indications, or *ex vivo* treatment.

#### •Rheumatoid arthritis (RA).

Due to the chronic nature of RA, a gene therapy approach is logical. Delivery of a ribozyme to inflamed joints is mediated by adenovirus, retrovirus, or adeno-associated virus vectors. For instance, the appropriate adenovirus vector can be administered by direct injection into the synovium: high efficiency of gene transfer and expression for several months would be expected (B.J. Roessler, E.D. Allen, J.M. Wilson, J.W. Hartman, B. L. Davidson, J. Clin. Invest. 92, 1085-1092 (1993)). It is unlikely that the course of the disease could be reversed by the transient, local administration of an anti-inflammatory agent. Multiple administrations may be necessary. Retrovirus and adeno-associated virus vectors would lead to permanent gene transfer and expression in the joint. However, permanent expression of a potent anti-inflammatory agent may lead to local immune deficiency.

#### •Restenosis.

Expression of NF- $\kappa$ B in the vessel wall of pigs causes a narrowing of the luminal space due to excessive deposition of extracellular matrix components. This phenotype is similar to matrix deposition that occurs

subsequent to coronary angioplasty. In addition, NF- $\kappa$ B is required for the expression of the oncogene c-myc (F.A. La Rosa, J.W. Pierce, G.E. Sonenshein, Mol. Cell. Biol. 14, 1039-44 (1994)). Thus NF- $\kappa$ B induces smooth muscle proliferation and the expression of excess matrix components: both processes are thought to contribute to reocclusion of vessels after coronary angioplasty.

•Transplantation.

NF- $\kappa$ B is required for the induction of adhesion molecules (Eck et al., *supra*, K. O'Brien, et al., J. Clin. Invest. 92, 945-951 (1993)) that function in immune recognition and inflammatory responses. At least two potential modes of treatment are possible. In the first, transplanted organs are treated *ex vivo* with ribozymes or ribozyme expression vectors. Transient inhibition of NF- $\kappa$ B in the transplanted endothelium may be sufficient to prevent transplant-associated vasculitis and may significantly modulate graft rejection. In the second, donor B cells are treated *ex vivo* with ribozymes or ribozyme expression vectors. Recipients would receive the treatment prior to transplant. Treatment of a recipient with B cells that do not express T cell co-stimulatory molecules (such as ICAM-1, VCAM-1, and/or B7 an B7-2) can induce antigen-specific anergy. Tolerance to the donor's histocompatibility antigens could result; potentially, any donor could be used for any transplantation procedure.

•Asthma.

Granulocyte macrophage colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF) is thought to play a major role in recruitment of eosinophils and other inflammatory cells during the late phase reaction to asthmatic trauma. Again, blocking the local induction of GM-CSF and other inflammatory mediators is likely to reduce the persistent inflammation observed in chronic asthmatics. Aerosol delivery of ribozymes or adenovirus ribozyme expression vectors is a feasible treatment.

•Gene Therapy.

Immune responses limit the efficacy of many gene transfer techniques. Cells transfected with retrovirus vectors have short lifetimes in immune competent individuals. The length of expression of adenovirus vectors in terminally differentiated cells is longer in neonatal or immune-

compromised animals. Insertion of a small ribozyme expression cassette that modulates inflammatory and immune responses into existing adenovirus or retrovirus constructs will greatly enhance their potential.

Thus, ribozymes of the present invention that cleave *rel A* mRNA and thereby NF- $\kappa$ B activity have many potential therapeutic uses, and there are reasonable modes of delivering the ribozymes in a number of the possible indications. Development of an effective ribozyme that inhibits NF- $\kappa$ B function is described above; available cellular and activity assays are number, reproducible, and accurate. Animal models for NF- $\kappa$ B function (Kitajima, et al., *supra*) and for each of the suggested disease targets exist and can be used to optimize activity.

#### Diagnostic uses

Ribozymes of this invention may be used as diagnostic tools to examine genetic drift and mutations within diseased cells. The close relationship between ribozyme activity and the structure of the target RNA allows the detection of mutations in any region of the molecule which alters the base-pairing and three-dimensional structure of the target RNA. By using multiple ribozymes described in this invention, one may map nucleotide changes which are important to RNA structure and function *in vitro*, as well as in cells and tissues. Cleavage of target RNAs with ribozymes may be used to inhibit gene expression and define the role (essentially) of specified gene products in the progression of disease. In this manner, other genetic targets may be defined as important mediators of the disease. These experiments will lead to better treatment of the disease progression by affording the possibility of combinational therapies (e.g., multiple ribozymes targeted to different genes, ribozymes coupled with known small molecule inhibitors, or intermittent treatment with combinations of ribozymes and/or other chemical or biological molecules). Other *in vitro* uses of ribozymes of this invention are well known in the art, and include detection of the presence of mRNA associated with an NF- $\kappa$ B related condition. Such RNA is detected by determining the presence of a cleavage product after treatment with a ribozyme using standard methodology.

In a specific example, ribozymes which can cleave only wild-type or mutant forms of the target RNA are used for the assay. The first ribozyme is



used to identify wild-type RNA present in the sample and the second ribozyme will be used to identify mutant RNA in the sample. As reaction controls, synthetic substrates of both wild-type and mutant RNA will be cleaved by both ribozymes to demonstrate the relative ribozyme efficiencies in the reactions and the absence of cleavage of the "non-targeted" RNA species. The cleavage products from the synthetic substrates will also serve to generate size markers for the analysis of wild-type and mutant RNAs in the sample population. Thus each analysis will require two ribozymes, two substrates and one unknown sample which will be combined into six reactions. The presence of cleavage products will be determined using an RNase protection assay so that full-length and cleavage fragments of each RNA can be analyzed in one lane of a polyacrylamide gel. It is not absolutely required to quantify the results to gain insight into the expression of mutant RNAs and putative risk of the desired phenotypic changes in target cells. The expression of mRNA whose protein product is implicated in the development of the phenotype (*i.e.*, NF- $\kappa$ B) is adequate to establish risk. If probes of comparable specific activity are used for both transcripts, then a qualitative comparison of RNA levels will be adequate and will decrease the cost of the initial diagnosis. Higher mutant form to wild-type ratios will be correlated with higher risk whether RNA levels are compared qualitatively or quantitatively.

Other embodiments are within the following claims.

TABLE ICharacteristics of Ribozymes**Group I Introns**

Size: ~200 to >1000 nucleotides.

Requires a U in the target sequence immediately 5' of the cleavage site.

Binds 4-6 nucleotides at 5' side of cleavage site.

Over 75 known members of this class. Found in *Tetrahymena thermophila* rRNA, fungal mitochondria, chloroplasts, phage T4, blue-green algae, and others.

**RNaseP RNA (M1 RNA)**

Size: ~290 to 400 nucleotides.

RNA portion of a ribonucleoprotein enzyme. Cleaves tRNA precursors to form mature tRNA.

Roughly 10 known members of this group all are bacterial in origin.

**Hammerhead Ribozyme**

Size: ~13 to 40 nucleotides.

Requires the target sequence UH immediately 5' of the cleavage site.

Binds a variable number nucleotides on both sides of the cleavage site.

14 known members of this class. Found in a number of plant pathogens (virusoids) that use RNA as the infectious agent (Figures 1 and 2 show examples of various manifestations as used in the art).

**Hairpin Ribozyme**

Size: ~50 nucleotides.

Requires the target sequence GUC immediately 3' of the cleavage site.

Binds 4-6 nucleotides at 5' side of the cleavage site and a variable number to the 3' side of the cleavage site.

Only 3 known member of this class. Found in **three** plant pathogen (satellite RNAs of the tobacco ringspot virus, **arabis mosaic virus** and **chicory yellow mottle virus**) which uses RNA as the infectious agent (Figure 3).

**Hepatitis Delta Virus (HDV) Ribozyme**

Size: 50 - 60 nucleotides (at present).

Cleavage of target RNAs recently demonstrated.

Sequence requirements not fully determined.

Binding sites and structural requirements not fully determined, although no sequences 5' of cleavage site are required.

Only 1 known member of this class. Found in human HDV (Figure 4).

***Neurospora* VS RNA Ribozyme**

Size: ~144 nucleotides (at present)

Cleavage of target RNAs recently demonstrated.

Sequence requirements not fully determined.

Binding sites and structural requirements not fully determined. Only 1 known member of this class. Found in *Neurospora* VS RNA (Figure 5).

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Table II

Mouse *rel* A HH Target sequence

| nt.<br>Pos. | HH Target<br>Sequence | Seq. ID<br>No. | nt.<br>Pos. | HH Target<br>Sequence | Seq.<br>ID No. |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 19          | AAUGGCU a caCaGgA     | 7              | 467         | cCAGGCU c cuguUCg     | 108            |
| 22          | aGCUCcU a cGUgGUG     | 8              | 469         | AaGCcAU u AGcCAGC     | 109            |
| 26          | CcUCcAU u GcGgACa     | 9              | 473         | UuUgAGU C AGauCAG     | 110            |
| 93          | GAuCUGU U uCCCCUC     | 10             | 481         | AGCGaAU C CAGACCA     | 111            |
| 94          | AuCUGUU u CCCUCA      | 11             | 501         | AACCCCU U uCAcGUU     | 112            |
| 100         | UuCCCCU C AUcUUuC     | 12             | 502         | ACCCCUU u CAcGUUC     | 113            |
| 103         | CCCUCAU C UuuCCcu     | 13             | 508         | UuCAcGU U CCUAUAG     | 114            |
| 105         | CUCAUCU U uCCcuCA     | 14             | 509         | uCAcGUU C CUAUAGA     | 115            |
| 106         | UCAUCUU u CccuCAG     | 15             | 512         | cGUUCCU A UAGAgGA     | 116            |
| 129         | CAGGCUU C UGGgCCu     | 16             | 514         | UuCCUAU A GAgGAGC     | 117            |
| 138         | GGgCCuU A UGUGGAG     | 17             | 534         | GGGGACU A uGAcuUG     | 118            |
| 148         | UGGAGAU C AucGAaC     | 18             | 556         | UGCGcCU C UGCuUCC     | 119            |
| 151         | AGAUCAU c GaaCAGC     | 19             | 561         | CUCUGCU U CCAGGUG     | 120            |
| 180         | AUGCGaU U CCGCUAu     | 20             | 562         | UCUGCUU C CAGGUGA     | 121            |
| 181         | UGCGaUU C CGCUAuA     | 21             | 585         | aAgCCAU u AGcCAGc     | 122            |
| 186         | UuCCGCU A uAAaUGC     | 22             | 598         | GGCCCCU C CuCCUGa     | 123            |
| 204         | GGGCGCU C aGCGGGC     | 23             | 613         | CcCCUGU C CUcuCaC     | 124            |
| 217         | GCAGuAU u CcuGGCG     | 24             | 616         | CUGUCCU c uCaCAUC     | 125            |
| 239         | CACAGAU A CCACCAA     | 25             | 617         | gucCCUU C CUCAgCC     | 126            |
| 262         | CCACCAU C AAGAUCA     | 26             | 620         | CCUCCU C AgCCaug      | 127            |
| 268         | UCAAGAU C AAUGGCU     | 27             | 623         | UCCUgcU u CCAUCUc     | 128            |
| 276         | AAUGGCU A CACAGGA     | 28             | 628         | AUCCgAU u UUUGAuA     | 129            |
| 301         | UuCGaAU C UCCUGG      | 29             | 630         | CCgAuU U UGAuAac      | 130            |
| 303         | CGaAUCU C CCUGGUC     | 30             | 631         | CgAuUuU U GAuAacC     | 131            |
| 310         | CCCUGGU C ACCAAGG     | 31             | 638         | UGgCcAU u GUGuuCC     | 132            |
| 323         | GGcCCCU C CUCcuga     | 32             | 661         | CCGAGCU C AAGAUCU     | 133            |
| 326         | uCCaCCU C ACCGGCC     | 33             | 667         | UCAAGAU C UGCCGAG     | 134            |
| 335         | CCGGCCU C AuCCaCA     | 34             | 687         | CGgAACU C UGGgAGC     | 135            |
| 349         | AuGAaCU U GugGGgA     | 35             | 700         | GCUGCCU C GGUGGGG     | 136            |
| 352         | AGaUcaU c GaAcAGc     | 36             | 715         | AUGAGAU C UUCuUgC     | 137            |
| 375         | GAUGGCU a CUAUGAG     | 37             | 717         | GAGAUCU U CuUgCUG     | 138            |
| 376         | AUGGucU C UccGgaG     | 38             | 718         | AGAUCUU C uUgCUGU     | 139            |
| 378         | GGCUaCU A UGAGGCU     | 39             | 721         | UucUCCU c CauUGcG     | 140            |
| 391         | CUGAcCU C UGCCCaG     | 40             | 751         | AaGACAU U GAGGUGU     | 141            |
| 409         | GCaGuAU C CauAGcU     | 41             | 759         | GAGGUGU A UUUCACG     | 142            |
| 416         | CCgCAGU a UCCAuAg     | 42             | 761         | GGUGUAU U UCACGGG     | 143            |
| 417         | CAuAGcU U CCAGAAC     | 43             | 762         | GUGUAUU U CACGGGA     | 144            |
| 418         | AuAGcUU C CAGAACC     | 44             | 763         | UGUAUUU C ACGGGAC     | 145            |
| 433         | UGGGgAU C CAGUGUG     | 45             | 792         | CGAGGCU C CUUUUCu     | 146            |
| 795         | GGCUCCU U UUCuCAA     | 46             | 1167        | GAUGAGU U UuCCcCC     | 147            |
| 796         | GCUCUUU U UcuCAAG     | 47             | 1168        | AUGAGUU U uCCcCCA     | 148            |
| 797         | CUCCUUU U CuCAAGC     | 48             | 1169        | UGAGUUU u CCcCCAU     | 149            |
| 798         | UCCUUUU C uCAAGCU     | 49             | 1182        | AUGcUGU U aCCaUCa     | 150            |
| 829         | UGGCCAU U GUGUCC      | 50             | 1183        | UGcUGUU a CCaUCaG     | 151            |
| 834         | AUUGUGU U CCGGACu     | 51             | 1184        | GGccccU C CUcUGa      | 152            |
| 835         | UUGUGUU C CCGACuC     | 52             | 1187        | GUccCuU c CUcaGCC     | 153            |
| 845         | GACuCCU C CgUACGC     | 53             | 1188        | UUaCCaU C aGGGCAG     | 154            |
| 849         | CCUCCgU A CGCcGAC     | 54             | 1198        | GGgAGuU u AGuCuGa     | 155            |

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|------|-------------------|-----|------|-------------------|-----|
| 872  | cCAGGCU C CUGUuCG | 55  | 1209 | CAGcCCU a caCCUuc | 156 |
| 883  | UuCGaGU C UCCAUGC | 56  | 1215 | cuGGCCU U aGCaCCG | 157 |
| 885  | CGaGUCU C CAUGCAG | 57  | 1229 | GGuCCCU u CCucAGc | 158 |
| 905  | GCGGCCU U CuGAuCG | 58  | 1237 | CCCAGcU C CUGCCCC | 159 |
| 906  | CGGCCUU C uGAuCGc | 59  | 1250 | CCAGcCU C CAGgCuC | 160 |
| 919  | GcGAGCU C AGUGAGC | 60  | 1268 | CCCAGCU C CuGCCcc | 161 |
| 936  | AUGGAGU U CCAGUAC | 61  | 1279 | CCAUGGU c cCuuCcu | 162 |
| 937  | UGGAGUU C CAGUACu | 62  | 1281 | gUGGgcU C AGCUgcG | 163 |
| 942  | UUCCAGU A CuUGCCA | 63  | 1286 | AUGAGuU u UccCCCA | 164 |
| 953  | GCCuCAU c CacAuGA | 64  | 1309 | CuCCUGU u CgAGUCu | 165 |
| 962  | AGAuAU C GcCACCG  | 65  | 1315 | cCCCAGU u CUAaCCC | 166 |
| 965  | CagUacU u gCCaGAc | 66  | 1318 | CAGUuCU A aCCCCgG | 167 |
| 973  | ACCGGAU U GaaGAGA | 67  | 1331 | gGGuCCU C CcCAGuC | 168 |
| 986  | GAGAcCU u cAAGagu | 68  | 1334 | CuuUuCU C AaGCUGa | 169 |
| 996  | AGGAcCU A UGAGACC | 69  | 1389 | ACGCUGU C gGAaGCC | 170 |
| 1005 | GAGACCU U CAAGAGu | 70  | 1413 | CUGCAGU U UGAUGcU | 171 |
| 1006 | AGACCUU C AAGAGuA | 71  | 1414 | UGCAGUU U GAUGcUG | 172 |
| 1015 | AGAGuAU C AUGAAGA | 72  | 1437 | GGGGCCU U GCUUGGC | 173 |
| 1028 | GAAGAGU C CUUUCaA | 73  | 1441 | CCUUGCU U GGCAACA | 174 |
| 1031 | GAGUCCU U UCAauGG | 74  | 1467 | GgaGUGU U CACAGAC | 175 |
| 1032 | AGUCCUU U CaaUGGA | 75  | 1468 | gaGUGUU C ACAGACC | 176 |
| 1033 | GUCCUUU C AauGGAC | 76  | 1482 | CUGGCAU C uGUgGAC | 177 |
| 1058 | CCGGCCU C CaaCcCG | 77  | 1486 | CuUCgGU a GggAACU | 178 |
| 1064 | UaCACCU u GaucCAa | 78  | 1494 | GACAACU C aGAGUUU | 179 |
| 1072 | GgCGuAU U GCUUGGC | 79  | 1500 | UCaGAGU U UCAGCAG | 180 |
| 1082 | UGUGCCU a CCCGaAa | 80  | 1501 | CaGAGUU U CAGCAGC | 181 |
| 1083 | aaGCCUU C CCGaAGu | 81  | 1502 | aGAGUUU C AGCAGCU | 182 |
| 1092 | CGaAaCU C AaCUUCU | 82  | 1525 | gGuGCAU c CCUGUGu | 183 |
| 1097 | CUCAaCU U CUGUCCC | 83  | 1566 | AUGGAGU A CCCUGAa | 184 |
| 1098 | UCAaCUU C UGUCCCC | 84  | 1577 | UGAaGCU A UAACUCG | 185 |
| 1102 | CUUCUGU C CCCAAGC | 85  | 1579 | AaGCUAU A ACUCGCC | 186 |
| 1125 | CAGCCCU A caCCUuc | 86  | 1583 | UAUAACU C GCCUgGU | 187 |
| 1127 | GCCaUAU a gCcUUAC | 87  | 1588 | CUCuCCU A GaGaggG | 188 |
| 1131 | caUCCCU c agCacCA | 88  | 1622 | CCCAGCU C CUGCcCC | 189 |
| 1132 | AcaCCUU c cCagCAU | 89  | 1628 | UCCUGCU u CggUaGG | 190 |
| 1133 | UCCaUcU c CagCuUC | 90  | 1648 | CGGGGCU u CCCAAUG | 191 |
| 1137 | UUUACuU u AgCgCgc | 91  | 1660 | cUGaCCU C ugccCAG | 192 |
| 1140 | cCagCAU C CCUcAGC | 92  | 1663 | cuCUGCU U cCAGGuG | 193 |
| 1153 | GCACCAU C AACTuUG | 93  | 1664 | uCUGCUU c CAGGuGA | 194 |
| 1158 | AUCAACU u UGAUGAG | 94  | 1665 | CUCgcUU u cGGAGgU | 195 |
| 1680 | GAAGACU U CUCCUCC | 95  |      |                   |     |
| 1681 | AAGACUU C UCCUCCA | 96  |      |                   |     |
| 1683 | GACUUCU C CUCCAuu | 97  |      |                   |     |
| 1686 | UUCUCCU C CAUUGCG | 98  |      |                   |     |
| 1690 | CCUCCAU U GCGGACA | 99  |      |                   |     |
| 1704 | AUGGACU U CUCuGCu | 100 |      |                   |     |
| 1705 | UGGACUU C UCuGCuC | 101 |      |                   |     |
| 1707 | GACUUCU C uGCuCUu | 102 |      |                   |     |
| 1721 | uuUGAGU C AGAUCAG | 103 |      |                   |     |
| 1726 | GUCAGAU C AGCUCCU | 104 |      |                   |     |
| 1731 | AUCAGCU C CUAAGGu | 105 |      |                   |     |
| 1734 | AGCUCCU A AGGuGcU | 106 |      |                   |     |
| 1754 | CaGugCU C CcAAGAG | 107 |      |                   |     |

Table III  
Human *rel A* HH Target Sequences

| nt.<br>Pos. | HH Target<br>Sequence | Seq. ID<br>No. | nt.<br>Pos. | HH Target<br>Sequence | Seq. ID<br>No. |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 19          | AAUGGCU C GUCUGUA     | 196            | 467         | GCAGGCU A UCAGUCA     | 297            |
| 22          | GGCUCGU C UGUAGUG     | 197            | 469         | AGGCUAU C AGUCAGC     | 298            |
| 26          | CGUCUGU A GUGCAGC     | 198            | 473         | UAUCAGU C AGCGCAU     | 299            |
| 93          | GAACUGU U CCCCUC      | 199            | 481         | AGCGCAU C CAGACCA     | 300            |
| 94          | AACUGUU C CCCUCA      | 200            | 501         | AACCCCU U CCAAGUU     | 301            |
| 100         | UCCCCU C AUCUCC       | 201            | 502         | ACCCCUU C CAAGUUC     | 302            |
| 103         | CCCUCAU C UUCCCGG     | 202            | 508         | UCCAAGU U CCUAUAG     | 303            |
| 105         | CUCAUCU U CCCGGCA     | 203            | 509         | CCAAGUU C CUAUAGA     | 304            |
| 106         | UCAUCUU C CCGGCAG     | 204            | 512         | AGUCCU A UAGAAGA      | 305            |
| 129         | CAGGCCU C UGGCCCC     | 205            | 514         | UUCCUAU A GAAGAGC     | 306            |
| 138         | GGCCCCU A UGUGGAG     | 206            | 534         | GGGGACU A CGACCTG     | 307            |
| 148         | UGGAGAU C AUUGAGC     | 207            | 556         | UGCGGCU C UGCUUCC     | 308            |
| 151         | AGAUCAU U GAGCAGC     | 208            | 561         | CUCUGCU U CCAGGUG     | 309            |
| 180         | AUGCGCU U CCGCUAC     | 209            | 562         | UCUGCUU C CAGGUGA     | 310            |
| 181         | UGCGCUU C CGCUACA     | 210            | 585         | GACCCAU C AGGCAGG     | 311            |
| 186         | UUCGCGU A CAAGUGC     | 211            | 598         | GGCCCCU C CGCCUGC     | 312            |
| 204         | GGGCGCU C CGCGGGC     | 212            | 613         | CGCCUGU C CUUCCUC     | 313            |
| 217         | GCAGCAU C CCAGGCG     | 213            | 616         | CUGUCCU U CCUCAUC     | 314            |
| 239         | CACAGAU A CCACCAA     | 214            | 617         | UGUCCU C CUCAUCC      | 315            |
| 262         | CCACCAU C AAGAUCA     | 215            | 620         | CCUCCU C AUCCCAU      | 316            |
| 268         | UCAAGAU C AAUGGCU     | 216            | 623         | UCCUCAU C CCAUCUU     | 317            |
| 276         | AAUGGCU A CACAGGA     | 217            | 628         | AUCCCAU C UUUGACA     | 318            |
| 301         | UGCGCAU C UCCCUGG     | 218            | 630         | CCCAUCU U UGACAAU     | 319            |
| 303         | CGCAUCU C CCUGGUC     | 219            | 631         | CCAUCUU U GACAAUC     | 320            |
| 310         | CCCUGGU C ACCAAGG     | 220            | 638         | UGACAAU C GUGCCCC     | 321            |
| 323         | GGACCCU C CUCACCG     | 221            | 661         | CCGAGCU C AAGAUCU     | 322            |
| 326         | CCUCCU C ACCGGCC      | 222            | 667         | UCAAGAU C UGCCGAG     | 323            |
| 335         | CCGGCCU C ACCCCCA     | 223            | 687         | CGAAACU C UGGCAGC     | 324            |
| 349         | ACGAGCU U GUAGGAA     | 224            | 700         | GCUGCCU C GGUGGGG     | 325            |
| 352         | AGCUUGU A GGAAAGG     | 225            | 715         | AUGAGAU C UUCCUAC     | 326            |
| 375         | GAUGGCU U CUAUGAG     | 226            | 717         | GAGAUU C CUACUG       | 327            |
| 376         | AUGGCUU C UAUGAGG     | 227            | 718         | AGAUCUU C CUACUGU     | 328            |
| 378         | GGCUUCU A UGAGGCU     | 228            | 721         | UCUCCU A CUGUGUG      | 329            |
| 391         | CUGAGCU C UGCCCCG     | 229            | 751         | AGGACAU U GAGGUGU     | 330            |
| 409         | GCUGCAU C CACAGUU     | 230            | 759         | GAGGUGU A UUUCACG     | 331            |
| 416         | CCACAGU U UCCAGAA     | 231            | 761         | GGUGUAU U UCACGGG     | 332            |
| 417         | CACAGUU U CCAGAAC     | 232            | 762         | GUGUAUU U CACGGGA     | 333            |
| 418         | ACAGUUU C CAGAACC     | 233            | 763         | UGUAUUU C ACGGGAC     | 334            |
| 433         | UGGGAAU C CAGUGUG     | 234            | 792         | CGAGGCU C CUUUUCG     | 335            |
| 795         | GGCUCCU U UUCGCAA     | 235            | 1167        | GAUGAGU U UCCCACC     | 336            |
| 796         | GCUCCU U UCGCAAG      | 236            | 1168        | AUGAGUU U CCCACCA     | 337            |
| 797         | CUCCUUU U CGCAAGC     | 237            | 1169        | UGAGUUU C CCACCAU     | 338            |
| 798         | UCCUUUU C GCAAGCU     | 238            | 1182        | AUGGUGU U UCCUUCU     | 339            |
| 829         | UGGCCAU U GUGUUC      | 239            | 1183        | UGGUGUU U CCUUCUG     | 340            |
| 834         | AUUGUGU U CCGGACC     | 240            | 1184        | GGUGUUU C CUUCUGG     | 341            |
| 835         | UUGUGUU C CGGACCC     | 241            | 1187        | GUUUCU U CUGGGCA      | 342            |
| 845         | GACCCCU C CCUACGC     | 242            | 1188        | UUUCCU C UGGGCAG      | 343            |
| 849         | CCUCCU A CGCAGAC      | 243            | 1198        | GGCAGAU C AGCCAGG     | 344            |
| 872         | GCAGGCU C CUGUGCG     | 244            | 1209        | CAGGCCU C GGCCUUG     | 345            |
| 883         | UGCGUGU C UCCAUGC     | 245            | 1215        | UCGGCCU U GGCCCCG     | 346            |

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|------|-------------------|-----|------|-------------------|-----|
| 885  | CGUGUCU C CAUGCAG | 246 | 1229 | GGCCCCU C CCCAAGU | 347 |
| 905  | GCGGCCU U CCGACCG | 247 | 1237 | CCCAAGU C CUGCCCC | 348 |
| 906  | CGGCCUU C CGACCGG | 248 | 1250 | CCAGGCU C CAGCCCC | 349 |
| 919  | GGGAGCU C AGUGAGC | 249 | 1268 | CCCUGCU C CAGCCAU | 350 |
| 936  | AUGGAAU U CCAGUAC | 250 | 1279 | CCAUGGU A UCAGCUC | 351 |
| 937  | UGGAAUU C CAGUACC | 251 | 1281 | AUGGUAU C AGCUCUG | 352 |
| 942  | UUCAGU A CCUGCCA  | 252 | 1286 | AUCAGCU C UGGCCCA | 353 |
| 953  | GCCAGAU A CAGACGA | 253 | 1309 | CCCCUGU C CCAGUCC | 354 |
| 962  | AGACGAU C GUCACCG | 254 | 1315 | UCCCAGU C CUAGCCC | 355 |
| 965  | CGAUCGU C ACCGGAU | 255 | 1318 | CAGUCCU A GCCCCAG | 356 |
| 973  | ACCGGAU U GAGGAGA | 256 | 1331 | AGGCCCU C CUCAGGC | 357 |
| 986  | GAAACGU A AAAGGAC | 257 | 1334 | CCCUCCU C AGGCUGU | 358 |
| 996  | AGGACAU A UGAGACC | 258 | 1389 | ACGCUGU C AGAGGCC | 359 |
| 1005 | GAGACCU U CAAGAGC | 259 | 1413 | CUGCAGU U UGAUGAU | 360 |
| 1006 | AGACCUU C AAGAGCA | 260 | 1414 | UGCAGUU U GAUGAUG | 361 |
| 1015 | AGAGCAU C AUGAAGA | 261 | 1437 | GGGGCCU U GCUUGGC | 362 |
| 1028 | GAAGAGU C CUUCAG  | 262 | 1441 | CCUUGCU U GGCAACA | 363 |
| 1031 | GAGUCCU U UCAGCGG | 263 | 1467 | GCUGUGU U CACAGAC | 364 |
| 1032 | AGUCCUU U CAGCGGA | 264 | 1468 | CUGUGUU C ACAGACC | 365 |
| 1033 | GUCCUUU C AGCGGAC | 265 | 1482 | CUGGCAU C CGUCGAC | 366 |
| 1058 | CCGGCCU C CACCUCG | 266 | 1486 | CAUCCGU C GACAACU | 367 |
| 1064 | UCCACCU C CAGCGAU | 267 | 1494 | GACAACU C CGAGUUU | 368 |
| 1072 | GACGCAU U GCUGUGC | 268 | 1500 | UCCGAGU U UCAGCAG | 369 |
| 1082 | UGUGCCU U CCCGCAG | 269 | 1501 | CCGAGUU U CAGCAGC | 370 |
| 1083 | GUGCCUU C CCGCAGC | 270 | 1502 | CGAGUUU C AGCAGCU | 371 |
| 1092 | CGCAGCU C AGCUUCU | 271 | 1525 | AGGGCAU A CCUGUGG | 372 |
| 1097 | CUCAGCU U CUGUCCC | 272 | 1566 | AUGGAGU A CCCUGAG | 373 |
| 1098 | UCAGCUU C UGUCCCC | 273 | 1577 | UGAGGCU A UAACUCG | 374 |
| 1102 | CUUCUGU C CCCAAGC | 274 | 1579 | AGGCUAU A ACUCGCC | 375 |
| 1125 | CAGCCCU A UCCCUUU | 275 | 1583 | UAUAACU C GCCUAGU | 376 |
| 1127 | GCCCUAU C CCUUUAC | 276 | 1588 | CUCGCCU A GUGACAG | 377 |
| 1131 | UAUCCCU U UACGUCA | 277 | 1622 | CCCAGCU C CUGCUCC | 378 |
| 1132 | AUCCCUU U ACGUCAU | 278 | 1628 | UCCUGCU C CACUGGG | 379 |
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| 1137 | UUUACGU C AUCCUG  | 280 | 1660 | AUGGCCU C CUUUCAG | 381 |
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| 1158 | AUCAACU A UGAUGAG | 283 | 1665 | CUCCUUU C AGGAGAU | 384 |
| 1680 | GAAGACU U CUCCUCC | 284 |      |                   |     |
| 1681 | AAGACUU C UCCUCCA | 285 |      |                   |     |
| 1683 | GACUUCU C CUCCAUU | 286 |      |                   |     |
| 1686 | UUCUCCU C CAUUGCG | 287 |      |                   |     |
| 1690 | CCUCCAU U GCGGACA | 288 |      |                   |     |
| 1704 | AUGGACU U CUCAGCC | 289 |      |                   |     |
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| 1721 | GCUGAGU C AGAUCAG | 292 |      |                   |     |
| 1726 | GUCAGAU C AGCUCCU | 293 |      |                   |     |
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| 1734 | AGCUCCU A AGGGGGU | 295 |      |                   |     |
| 1754 | CUGCCCU C CCCAGAG | 296 |      |                   |     |

Table IV  
Mouse *rel A* HH Ribozyme Sequences

| nt. Seq. | HH Ribozyme Sequence                   | Seq. ID No. |
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| 105      | UGAGGGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGAUGAG | 392         |
| 106      | CUGAGGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAGAUGA | 393         |
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| 138      | CUCCACA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAGGCC  | 395         |
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| 151      | GCUGUUC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUGAUCU | 397         |
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| 335      | UGUGGAU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGCCGG | 412         |
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| 417      | GUUCUGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGCUAUG | 421         |
| 418      | GGUUCUG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAGCUAU | 422         |
| 433      | CACACUG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUCCCCA | 423         |
| 467      | CGAACAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGCCUGG | 424         |
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| 481      | UGGUCUG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUUCGCU | 427         |
| 501      | AACGUGA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGGGUU | 428         |
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| 508      | CUAUAGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA ACGUGAA | 430         |
| 509      | UCUAUAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AACGUGA | 431         |
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| 514      | GCUCCUC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUAGGAA | 433         |
| 534      | CAAGUCA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGUCCCC | 434         |



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| 638  | GGAACAC | CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA | AUGGCCA | 448 |
| 661  | AGAUCUU | CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA | AGCUCGG | 449 |
| 667  | CUCGGCA | CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA | AUCUUGA | 450 |
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| 718  | ACAGCAA | CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA | AAGAUUC | 455 |
| 721  | CGCAAUG | CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA | AGGAGAA | 456 |
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| 937  | AGUACUG | CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA | AACUCCA | 479 |
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| 1331 | GACUGGG | CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA | AGGACCC | 533 |
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| 1525 | ACACAGG | CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA | AUGCACC | 548 |

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| 1579 | GGCGAGU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUAGCUU | 551 |
| 1583 | ACCAGGC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGUUAUA | 552 |
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| 1731 | ACCUUAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGCUGAU | 571 |
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Table V  
Human *rel A* HH Ribozyme Sequences

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| 561             | CACCUGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGCAGAG  | 625        |

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| 687  | GCUGCCA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGUUCUG | 640 |
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| 715  | GUAGGAA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUCUCAU | 642 |
| 717  | CAGUAAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGAUCUC | 643 |
| 718  | ACAGUAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAGAUCU | 644 |
| 721  | CACACAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGAAGA | 645 |
| 751  | ACACCUC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUGUCCU | 646 |
| 759  | CGUGAAA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA ACACCUC | 647 |
| 761  | CCCUGA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUACACC  | 648 |
| 762  | UCCCGUG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAUACAC | 649 |
| 763  | GUCCCGU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAUACA  | 650 |
| 792  | CGAAAAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGCCUCG | 651 |
| 795  | UUGCGAA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGAGCC | 652 |
| 796  | CUUGCGA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAGGAGC | 653 |
| 797  | GCUUGCG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAAGGAG | 654 |
| 798  | AGCUUGC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAAAGGA | 655 |
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| 905  | CGGUCGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGCCGC | 664 |
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| 936  | GUACUGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUUCCAU | 667 |
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| 953  | UCGUCUG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUCUGGC | 670 |
| 962  | CGGUGAC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUCGUCU | 671 |
| 965  | AUCCGGU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA ACGAUCG | 672 |
| 973  | UCUCCUC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUCCGGU | 673 |
| 986  | GUCCUUU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGUUUC | 674 |
| 996  | GGUCUCA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUGUCCU | 675 |
| 1005 | GCUCUUG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGUCUC | 676 |
| 1006 | UGCUCUU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAGGUCU | 677 |
| 1015 | UCUUCAU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUGCUCU | 678 |
| 1028 | CUGAAAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA ACUCUUC | 679 |
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| 1032 | UCCGCUG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAGGACU | 681 |
| 1033 | GUCCGCU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAAGGAC | 682 |

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| 1064 | AUGCGUC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGUGGA | 684 |
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| 1082 | CUGCGGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGCACA | 686 |
| 1083 | GCUGCGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAGGCAC | 687 |
| 1092 | AGAAGCU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGCUGCG | 688 |
| 1097 | GGGACAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGCUGAG | 689 |
| 1098 | GGGGACA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAGCUGA | 690 |
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| 1125 | AAAGGGA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGGCUG | 692 |
| 1127 | GUAAGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUAGGGC  | 693 |
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| 1132 | AUGACGU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAGGGAU | 695 |
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| 1137 | CAGGGAU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA ACGUAAA | 697 |
| 1140 | GCUCAGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUGACGU | 698 |
| 1153 | CAUAGUU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUGGUGC | 699 |
| 1158 | CUCAUCA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGUUGAU | 700 |
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| 1168 | UGGUGGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AACUCAU | 702 |
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| 1182 | AGAAGGA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA ACACCAU | 704 |
| 1183 | CAGAAGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AACACCA | 705 |
| 1184 | CCAGAAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAACACC | 706 |
| 1187 | UGCCCAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAGAAAC | 707 |
| 1188 | CUGCCCA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAGGAAA | 708 |
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| 1215 | CGGGGCC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGCCGA | 711 |
| 1229 | ACUUGGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGGGCC | 712 |
| 1237 | GGGGCAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA ACUUGGG | 713 |
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| 1268 | AUGGCUG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGCAGGG | 715 |
| 1279 | GAGCUGA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA ACCAUGG | 716 |
| 1281 | CAGAGCU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUACCAU | 717 |
| 1286 | UGGGCCA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGCUGAU | 718 |
| 1309 | GGACUGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA ACAGGGG | 719 |
| 1315 | GGGCUAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA ACUGGGA | 720 |
| 1318 | CUGGGGC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGACUG | 721 |
| 1331 | GCCUGAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGGCCU | 722 |
| 1334 | ACAGCCU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGAGGG | 723 |
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| 1437 | GCCAAGC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGCCCC | 727 |
| 1441 | UGUUGCC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGCAAGG | 728 |
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| 1468 | GGUCUGU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AACACAG | 730 |
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| 1486 | AGUUGUC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA ACGGAUG | 732 |
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| 1502 | AGCUGCU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAACUCG | 736 |
| 1525 | CCACAGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUGCCCU | 737 |
| 1566 | CUCAGGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA ACUCCA  | 738 |
| 1577 | CGAGUUA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGCCUCA | 739 |

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| 1579 | GGCGAGU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUAGCCU | 740 |
| 1583 | ACCAGGC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGUUAUA | 741 |
| 1588 | CUGUCAC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGCCAG | 742 |
| 1622 | GGAGCAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGCUGGG | 743 |
| 1628 | CCCAGUG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGCAGGA | 744 |
| 1648 | CAUUGGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGCCCCG | 745 |
| 1660 | CUGAAAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGCCAU | 746 |
| 1663 | CUCCUGA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGAGGC | 747 |
| 1664 | UCUCCUG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAGGAGG | 748 |
| 1665 | AUCUCCU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAAGGAG | 749 |
| 1680 | GGAGGAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGUCUUC | 750 |
| 1681 | UGGAGGA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAGUCUU | 751 |
| 1683 | AAUGGAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGAAGUC | 752 |
| 1686 | CGCAAUG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGAGAA | 753 |
| 1690 | UGUCCGC CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUGGAGG | 754 |
| 1704 | GGCUGAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGUCCAU | 755 |
| 1705 | GGGCUGA CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AAGUCCA | 756 |
| 1707 | CAGGGCU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGAAGUC | 757 |
| 1721 | CUGAUCU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA ACUCAGC | 758 |
| 1726 | AGGAGCU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AUCUGAC | 759 |
| 1731 | CCCUUAG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGCUGAU | 760 |
| 1734 | ACCCCCU CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGAGCU | 761 |
| 1754 | CUCUGGG CUGAUGAGGCCGAAAGGCCGAA AGGGCAG | 762 |

Table VI  
Human re/A Hairpin Ribozyme/Target Sequences

| nt.<br>Position | Hairpin Ribozyme sequence                                 | Seq ID No. | Substrate           | Seq ID No. |
|-----------------|---|------------|---------------------|------------|
| 90              | UGAGGGGG AGAA GUUC ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUGUGUGUACAUAUACCUGGUA | 763        | GAACU GUU CCCCCUCA  | 778        |
| 156             | GCUGCUUG AGAA GCUC ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUGUGUGUACAUAUACCUGGUA | 764        | GAGCA GCC CAAGCAGC  | 779        |
| 362             | GCCAUCCC AGAA GUCC ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUGUGUGUACAUAUACCUGGUA | 765        | GGACU GCC GGGGUGGC  | 780        |
| 413             | GUUCUGGA AGAA GUGG ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUGUGUGUACAUAUACCUGGUA | 766        | CCACA GUU UCCAGAAC  | 781        |
| 606             | GAAGGACA AGAA GCAG ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUGUGUGUACAUAUACCUGGUA | 767        | CUGCC GCC UGUCCUUC  | 782        |
| 652             | UUGAGCUC AGAA GUGU ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUGUGUGUACAUAUACCUGGUA | 768        | ACACU GCC GAGCUCAA  | 783        |
| 695             | CCCACCGA AGAA GCUG ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUGUGUGUACAUAUACCUGGUA | 769        | CAGCU GCC UCGGUGGG  | 784        |
| 853             | AGGCUGGG AGAA GCGU ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUGUGUGUACAUAUACCUGGUA | 770        | ACGCA GAC CCCAGCCU  | 785        |
| 900             | GGUCGGAA AGAA GCCG ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUGUGUGUACAUAUACCUGGUA | 771        | CGGCG GCC UUCGACC   | 786        |
| 955             | UGACGAUC AGAA GUAU ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUGUGUGUACAUAUACCUGGUA | 772        | AUACA GAC GAUGGUA   | 787        |
| 1037            | GUCGGUGG AGAA GCUG ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUGUGUGUACAUAUACCUGGUA | 773        | CAGCG GAC CCAACCGAC | 788        |
| 1045            | GGCCGGGG AGAA GUGG ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUGUGUGUACAUAUACCUGGUA | 774        | CCACC GAC CCCCAGGC  | 789        |
| 1410            | CAUCAUCA AGAA GCAG ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUGUGUGUACAUAUACCUGGUA | 775        | CUGCA GUU UGAUGAUG  | 790        |
| 1453            | ACAGCUGG AGAA GUGC ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUGUGUGUACAUAUACCUGGUA | 776        | GCACA GAC CCAGCUGU  | 791        |
| 1471            | GAUGCCAG AGAA GUGA ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUGUGUGUACAUAUACCUGGUA | 777        | UCACA GAC CUGGCAUC  | 792        |



Table VII.  
Mouse rel/A Hairpin Ribozyme/Target Sequences

| nt.<br>Position | Hairpin Ribozyme sequence                                 | Seq. ID No. | Substrate          | Seq. ID No. |
|-----------------|---|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 137             | GUUGCUC AGAA GUUC ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA  | 793         | GAACA GCC GAAGCAAC | 812         |
| 273             | GAGAUUCG AGAA GUUC ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 794         | GAACA GUU CGAAUCUC | 813         |
| 343             | GCCAUCCC AGAA GUCC ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 795         | GGACU GCC GGGAUGGC | 814         |
| 366             | GGGCAGAG AGAA GCCU ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 796         | AGGCU GAC CUCUGCCC | 815         |
| 633             | UUGAGCUC AGAA GUGU ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 797         | ACACU GCC GAGCUCAA | 816         |
| 676             | CCCACCGA AGAA GUUC ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 798         | GAGCU GCC UCGGUGGG | 817         |
| 834             | AGGCUGGG AGAA GCGU ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 799         | ACGCC GAC CCCAGCCU | 818         |
| 881             | GAUCAGAA AGAA GCGG ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 800         | CGGCG GCC UUCUGAUC | 819         |
| 1100            | AGGUGUAG AGAA GCGG ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 801         | CCGCA GCC CUACACCU | 820         |
| 1205            | GGGCAGAG AGAA GUGC ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 802         | GCACC GUC CUCUGCCC | 821         |
| 1361            | GGGCUUCC AGAA GCGU ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 803         | ACGCU GUC GGAAGCCC | 822         |
| 1385            | CAGCAUCA AGAA GCAG ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 804         | CUGCA GUU UGAUGCUG | 823         |
| 1431            | ACUCCUGG AGAA GUGC ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 805         | GCACA GAC CCAGGAGU | 824         |
| 1449            | GAUGCCAG AGAA GUGA ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 806         | UCACA GAC CUGGCAUC | 825         |
| 1802            | AAGUCGGG AGAA GCUG ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 807         | CAGCU GCC CCCGACUU | 826         |
| 2009            | UGGCUCCA AGAA GUCC ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 808         | GAACA GAC UGGAGCCA | 827         |
| 2124            | UGGUGUCG AGAA GCAC ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 809         | GUGCU GCC CGACACCA | 828         |
| 2233            | AUUCUGAA AGAA GCCA ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 810         | UGGCC GCC UUCAGAAU | 829         |
| 2354            | UCAGUAAA AGAA GUCU ACCAGAGAAAACACACGUUGUGGUACAUAUACCUUGUA | 811         | AGACA GCC UUUACUGA | 830         |